



Attorney Docket No. 15162/06270

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

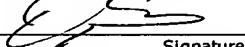
In re
U.S. application: Hironori SUMITOMO et al.
For: COUNTING SYSTEM AND COUNTING METHOD
U.S. Serial No.: 10/698,707
Filed: October 31, 2003
Confirmation No.: 1922
Group Art Unit: 2878
Examiner: Stephone B. Allen

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

November 3, 2005
Date of Deposit

Douglas A. Sorensen
Name of Applicant, Assignee, or Registered Representative


Signature

November 3, 2005
Date of Signature

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR STATUS OF PENDING APPLICATION

Although this application was filed on October 31, 2003, the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) database indicates that as of November 3, 2005, a first Office Action has not been issued for this case.

The undersigned attorney of record respectfully requests the Examiner to advise when it is anticipated that a first Office Action will be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Douglas A. Sorensen
Registration No. 31,570
Attorney for Applicants

DAS/rb
SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP
717 North Harwood, Suite 3400
Dallas, Texas 75201-6507
(214) 981-3482 (Direct)
(214) 981-3300 (Main)
(214) 981-3400 (Facsimile)
November 3, 2005